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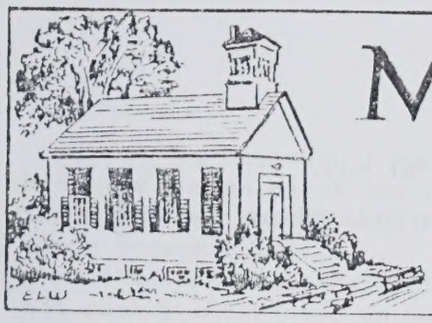

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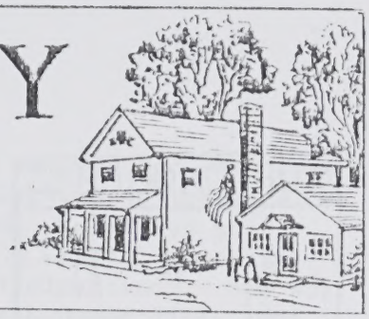

April, 1978

O U R T O W N

Special Town Meeting

At a special Town Meeting March 22 action was taken on the following items:

The Town voted to accept both Chapter 629 of the Acts of 1975 and Chapter 892 of the Acts of 1977 which in effect (and at long last) establishes that Monterey is entitled to elect a Board of Appeals consisting of five members. Previous to this time our Board of Appeals, like all Boards of Appeals in the state of Massachusetts, were to have been appointed by the Selectmen. Members of Monterey's Board of Appeals felt that the state's stipulation (a three-man appointed board) was unworkable for a town so small. Too often, one or more board members proved to be abutter to property owners making appeals. A larger board gives leeway to these members to disqualify themselves from hearings in which there would be conflict of interest. The state-sanctioned provision of two appointed alternates to the board has been useful in filling seats at such hearings. A second reason for the Town's insistence on an elected board is that, in the words of Board of Appeals member Maureen Bradley, "An elected board becomes a servant of the people rather than a servant of the Selectmen."

Other business at this meeting involved money. The amounts of $7,582.17 and $7,417.8 were transferred from available Special Highway Flood money to the Snow and Sand account and to the Highway Construction account, respectively. $1,649.78 was transferred from the Anti-Recession account to the Highway Maintenance account. $1,500.00 was transferred from available funds to the Machinery and Tools account to pay for a new grader blade. $1,348.63 was transferred from available funds to the Health Insurance account to cover both a rise in insurance rates and insurance policies for two new employees. $1,500.00 was transferred from available funds to the Parks Commission. Parks Commission member Maryellen Brown said that increased maintenance costs and the beginnings of a new basketball court were causes of this year's extra expenses.

Ballot for May 6 Town Meeting

	Democrat		Republican
Moderator	Eugene O'Connell		Dean P. Amidon
Selectman	Richard D. Tryon		Rick Mielke
Assessor	Maurice F. Roberts		Peter Spiro Vallianos
Auditor	William A. Stevens		(same)
Library (3 years)	Alice Schick	(vote for 2)	(same)
	Judith B. Hayes		Mary B. Ward
Library (1 year)	Robert H. Ensign		(same)
Board of Appeals			
(5 years)	Helen B. Shaw		(same)
(4 years)	Georgianna O'Connell		Osborne E. Dugan
(3 years)	Maureen P. Bradley		(same)
(2 years)	Thomas F. Gillis		(same)
(1 year)	Edith L. Wilson		Robert H. Ensign
Cemetery Committee	Florence G. Brown		(same)
Finance Committee	John F. Jefferson		Kenneth R. Heath
Parks Commission (3 yrs.)	Joel Schick		Leroy E. Thorpe
Planning Board	William I. Brockman		(same)

Water Quality Hearing

At a public hearing in the Congregational Church basement on Wednesday, April 5, the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission presented a draft report of recommendations for water quality improvements in Monterey. Following a period during which reactions from individual towns are being solicited, a final plan and environmental impact statement will be prepared, accompanied by another period of review.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Confirmation will be the end of May.

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10 each Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 . . . .
Kindergarten, Sundays at 10:30 . . . .
Grades 1-4 Wednesday, 3:15 p.m. . . . .

Guest Ministers

During the time that Dr. and Mrs. Virgil Brallier were on vacation the guest ministers were the Rev. Raymond Ward and the Rev. Cory Loder.

Spring Clothing Drive

The spring clothing drive sponsored by Church World Service is being completed in this area on April 21. All kinds of clothing are needed this year. Blankets are a very favored article and may be obtained for $4.00 each.

Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Berkshire Association is being held on Sunday, April 23, at the Sheffield Church. The program begins at 2:30 p.m. Supper is furnished by the church and will be $3.00. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the evening.

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The presentation addressed itself primarily to solutions to the problem of eutrophication in Monterey's lakes. They include harvesting, zoning, septic system management, winter draw-down, leaf control, discouraging silviculture and construction on steep slopes in the watershed area and minimizing road salting. Federal money is allocated mostly to big rivers, and not to small recreational lakes, with the result that there are no federal funds available at this time for implementation of such procedures as mentioned above.

Selectman Dick Tryon requested that the state be questioned about the results of its tests for PCB's in Berkshire waterways. Monterey's sanitary landfill is located uncomfortably close to one of its prime aquifers, and there is a possibility that seepage from the landfill could eventually contribute a host of toxic chemicals to the Konkapot River.

For a copy of the full Draft Report, or to make comments or ask questions, call or write:

Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission
10 Fenn Street
Pittsfield, Mass. 01201
(413) 442-1521
Attention: Richard Holmes, Project Manager

Discontinuance of Town Roads

Berkshire County Commissioners, in response to a request by the Monterey Board of Selectmen, have scheduled a public hearing on Monday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the Monterey Church basement, at which the Selectmen will ask permission to discontinue several stretches of road in town. The sections of roads in question, which in total amount to less than four miles, are now in various stages of neglect, are uninhabited and are virtually untravelable. Names of roads are as follows: Brace Road (off Beartown Mt. Rd.), Royal Hemlock Road (off Art School Rd.), Carrington Battell Road (near the old Town Center), Old Barnes Road (off Tyringham Rd.), the center section of Mt. Hunger Road, Old North Road (off New Marlborough Rd.), Wallace Hall extension, a part of Chestnut Hill Road, and West Street (off Hupi Road).

The process of discontinuance is to be distinguished from the process of abandonment. In discontinuing a road the town gives up its obligation to maintain the road. The road remains in the possession of the town and continues to be a public right of way, whereas, if the road is abandoned, the land involved is divided among all abutters and the road no longer exists as town property or as a right of way.

TOGETHER BUT SEPARATE

A few days ago I had the privilege of talking with a man who had just lost his life companion of the past sixty-two years. He was reflecting on the life that they had shared together. He said, "We never quarreled. We always got along together, but. . . " The heart of his reflection was a wistful wondering over the fact that their lives were aimed in quite different directions. She was not really interested in his work and the things on which he had spent his life. She had interests of her own and pursued them as much as she was able throughout their life together. As he was trying to put this all together following her death, it was clear that he was frankly puzzled that they should have had such a harmonious life together in spite of the very different interests each of them had.

The situation of this husband and wife points up one of the paradoxes of life I have lately found myself pondering over. I cannot cease wondering at the many ways in which we influence and are influenced by others, and yet in the end each of us is fully responsible for his or her own life. We find ourselves with a literal whirlwind of influences pouring into our lives. From people and situations, culture and economy, religion and customs, these shaping influences come into our lives. Some of these influences are so very powerful and pervasive, especially in our early years, that one might suppose our lives are wholly determined by these shaping forces.

Frequently in the early stages of counseling a person tells of the ways in which father or mother cast life into seemingly iron-clad patterns from which there appeared to be no escape. Or here is a wife who tells of a husband setting up conditions that make her feel life is absolutely determined by her mate. Of course, husbands present similar views of the ways they are being influenced by their wives. Such stories are often very convincing, both to the teller and to the hearer. Yet person after person discovers the freedom to change seemingly immovable patterns. Wonderingly, they have difficulty in believing when the change actually occurs and they are mystified at how it happened.

Yet the paradox remains. We are under powerful influence from the forces (persons, situations, etc.) that play upon us, yet ultimately each one of us within our own persons is responsible for what we do with these influences. This causes each to grapple with this mystery that flows through all our lives. We are bound together with others. We are each separate unto ourselves.

The man who wistfully reflected on the mystery that showed itself in the sixty-two year relationship between his wife and himself has done a profound service for each one of us. How is it, he wondered, that they were so bound together that they never quarreled with each other, truly sharing their lives together -- and yet their lives were aimed at different goals? I would suggest that his wistful wondering points to a deeper truth about the nature of our lives than we are ordinarily willing to admit. It points us to the awesome fact of how profoundly our lives are joined to others, and yet how separate each one of us is.

If we come to terms with this paradox it will begin to change the way we deal with life. The most intimate relationships we have will be affected by our deepened reverence for both the bonds and the separatenesses that flow through life. We will appreciate the ties of love, and yet we will not blame them for the cramping limitations we experience within ourselves. It may help us to stop stumbling over the hard rocks of our existence. We may give up fighting against others as the source of crippling influences. We may discover we no longer need to find scapegoats on which to blame our failures.

Perhaps the time may come in which I view myself as a veritable sounding board, receiving multitudes of shaping influences, yet at the same time also as a sorting house, drawing forth and incorporating elements which enable me to fulfill my own unique personhood. Some inner capacity lying beyond my understanding learns to sort through this whole smörgasbord of influences and use it to bind me more intimately to others, and yet all the while teaches me how to become more truly my own person.

Strangely, all the institutions we have set up wrestle with this paradox. Home, church, school, government, even corporate business, aim toward creating an atmosphere in which the individual can become more truly himself. Yet is there one of us who has not felt the strange, demonic influence of the institutional as a hindrance to the development of the true self? Let us not be so naive as to imagine we shall solve the situation by demolishing institutions.

It seems clearer to me than ever before that this inner quality whereby we learn how to be together, but also separate, is something that can be located only in you and me. Until I find it in my own person I do not have it. Until you find it in your own person you do not have it. Yet here I am in this ridiculous position of writing to you as if I could help you claim it for yourself. I truly hope you will.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

On Saturday morning, March 18, there was a meeting in the main house living room of half-way house workers from this vicinity. Jim Boles, Director of the Community Residence Program in Northampton, came with his wife, Page, and small son, Christopher. There were five other representatives of the Bridge Street House: Robert Hannum, Linda Smith, Jody Welch, Baldwin Miranda and Anne Keough. John Boles also represented the Franklin-Hampshire Program. He and Jo Anne Moore are at the Grove Street House in Northampton. Tom Sawyer, director of the Westfield Community Residence, was present, and David Keyes, of the Community Support Program in Holyoke. Dr. Harold Rausch, professor of psychology at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and his wife, Alma Stone, also attended, as did several members of the Gould Farm staff. After a morning session to get acquainted, the group broke up into smaller meetings on topics such as background philosophy and motivation, as well as other issues. The visitors spent the night and met again Sunday morning, leaving after a noon dinner with the Farm family. It was thought that an occasional exchange of staff among the residences may prove of interest.

Kent and David Smith are in England for a three weeks' vacation. They planned to travel on foot and by train over several parts of the countryside.

The syrup-making process is almost over. This has been a record season, with 535 quarts stowed away to date. No doubt all will be consumed within the coming year on pancakes, French toast, vanilla ice cream and other delectables.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Monterey Grange met March 15 for Booster Night. There were 29 members, 33 visitors and 8 non-members present. Pomona Deputy Arthur Lyman outlined the Grange activities and goals. Members enjoyed a variety program by Richard and Patty Hardisty and Rick Mielke, with vocal selections by Janet Potter and accordion selections by Ann Millet from Great Barrington. The program closed with a candle-lighting ceremony with the Rev. Raymond Ward as reader.

On April 5 we met for a Conservation Program, in charge of Ethel Warner and Stanley Zilka. There was a film on wild life, seed and plant exchange and a baked goods sale to raise money to purchase a shrub to be planted in the village at a later date. There were 29 members and 3 visitors present. Due to the illness of some officers the 1st and 2nd degrees slated to be conferred on April 19 were cancelled. Candidates will be taken to a neighboring Grange and a variety program will be held there on April 19.

The worthy Lecturer is in charge of a Grange display in observance of Grange Week, April 23 to April 29, at the Town Library.

Richard Hardisty was recently written up in "Who's Who" for his poetry.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

4-H

The Monterey Piston Poppers started up their meetings on April 7. This small engines club will meet every other Friday at 7:30 in the church basement. The members all have their engines stripped down and are in the process of putting the back together and getting them to run. The leader is Mr. John Ryder.

Achievement Night will be held on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 in the church basement. Miss Karen Hatch, 4-H County Agent, will present the awards. All members, families and friends are invited. Also at this meeting the 4-H members will enroll for this year's projects.

Shawn Ryder attended the State Visual Presentation at Bolton, Massachusetts, on Saturday, April 1st. He represented Berkshire County in the Photography Project. This was Shawn's fourth year representing Berkshire County and his fourth year in winning the state competition. His presentation this year was "Printing and its Tricks." Shawn is a member of the Southern Berkshire 4-H Camera Club, which is led by Mr. John Nichols.

4-H records are due at the 4-H offices in Pittsfield by April 25.

BOY SCOUTS

There was a Blue and Gold covered dish supper in the Monterey Church basement on March 31. Joe Stitt represented the Appalachian Boy Scout Council. He presented a slide show that explained Boy Scouting and Cub Scouting sustaining membership enrollment. Den 1 presented a slide trip through Mexico with sound effects. Den 2 put on two skits called "A Visit to the Doctor's Office" and "Fresh Fish for Sale."

Edward Smith Jr. presented Keith Amstead with the Naturalist Badge, Ralph LaRosa the Wolf Badge and a gold arrow, Ben Reuter the Bear Badge and a gold and silver arrow.

The Boy Scouts will be selling tickets to the Annual Scout Show, held at the Cummington Fair Grounds. Part of the money they raise will go to the Scout Council and the other part will go to the pack treasurer.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Brownies visited a Junior Troop in Great Barrington. The Junior Troop put on an Easter party for the girls. They have been discussing the difference between winter and spring. They also have planted some plants that should be coming up in May. The Brownies are planning a trip to see how syrup is made.

The Juniors have been working on the planning of the Court of Awards dinner held at the end of May.

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group had a roller-skating party on April 8. Another project planned for when school gets out is to go on a hike on the Appalachian Trail.

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

The PTA had its spring meeting April 11. Robert Krol showed a film called "Sights and Sounds of Mt. Everett." The new slate of officers was approved. They are: President, Maryellen Brown: Vice-President and Secretary, Claudette Callahan; Treasurer, Stephanie Grotz. Maryellen Brown told her plans for the year. There will be more after-school and Saturday activity programs. The ski program will continue and there will be activities such as soccer, basketball, cross-country skiing, dance and a film series. The program is all volunteer and needs teachers, chaperones and car pool drivers. Contact any of the officers above if you have help to offer.

PARKS COMMISSION REPORT

The Children's Health Program is going to put up natural fencing to replace thesnow fencing at the parking area on the Town Beach. The new fencing will consist of shrubbery and posts so that people can walk through but cars can't drive through them. Two small trees will be planted at the beach. While these trees are growing, those who require shade at the beach are advised to bring beach umbrellas.

The Children's Health Program is also providing a sandbox in Greene Park. The Jungle Gym will probably be moved farther away from the backstop in the Park. The Commission is accepting bids for hardtopping the area of the basketball court. It will be lined off for both basketball and volleyball.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

Apologies for omitting this column in last month's NEWS. In the past two months we have gratefully received donations from the following: Mr. & Mrs. James Connery, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Materas, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Newman, John O'Connor & Anne Marie O'Keefe, Mr. & Mrs. Paul M. Thorn, Mrs. Burke Wilkinson.

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